

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL PROTECTION ANNUAL PROTECTED DISCLOSURES REPORT 2020

Protected Disclosures Act 2014

The Department is committed to fostering an appropriate environment for addressing concerns relating to potential wrongdoing in the workplace and to providing the necessary support for staff that raise genuine concerns. The Act requires public bodies to establish and maintain procedures for dealing with protected disclosures and to provide written information relating to these procedures to workers. The Department has such procedures in place.

One submission was made to the Department under the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 during 2020. Actions taken resulting from the submission was as follows:

This case was assessed and confirmed as not a protected disclosure and no further action was necessary.

Submissions under the protected disclosures procedures since introduction of the act in 2014				
Year	b/f from previous year	Received	Assessed & completed	C/f to next year
2014		1	0	1
2015	1	1	2	
2016		1	0	1
2017	1	10	7	4
2018	4	16	20	
2019		9	9	
2020		1	1	
Total		39	39	